(b) if so, the details of the deliberations and advices conveyed to the people to guard against such ailments;

(c) whether stroke is the biggest killer worldwide as reported in the Indian Express dated 27th December, 2002; and

(d) how far the Red code system developed by the Institute for the patients has worked to control cases of strokes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A two day deliberations on brain diseases was held on 27-28th December, 2002 to educate the people on various problems including stroke, epilepsy and parleuisous disease. This was attended by about 300 people.

(c) and (d) The "code-red" system developed by the Institute alerts the "code-red" team which consists of Neurologists, Neuro-Radiologists, Sisters and Resident Doctors when a case of acute stroke comes to casualty. The team gets into action and within 30 minutes CT Scan of brain and essential blood tests in addition to clinical assessment is done. There after the"clot-busting" drug is administered to patient if the patient qualifies for this treatment. The system has reduced problems following stroke.

Population control in Bimaru States

1128. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how Government propose to improve the 'Unsatisfactory' performance of Rajasthan, Bihar, U.P. and M.P. Governments in controlling population as pointed out by the Prime Minister;

(b) whether a comprehensive programme,relating the Health care, Education, involvement of ground-level Government and voluntary organisation, is being launched, laying down time-bound targets and monitoring their achievements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) An Empowered Action Group (EAG) has been constituted on 20th March 2001 in the Department of Family Welfare to formulate area-specific projects to strengthen the delivery system of health care in these four states, as well as, enhancing the availability and accessibility of Family Planning Services. Accordingly, financial assistance is provided to States under the Family Welfare Programme for activities such as referral transport, routine Immunization, Pulse Polio, RCH Camps strengthening, Dai Training, RCH out reach scheme, report and refurbishing of health facilities etc.

Apart from these, under the special areas projects e.g. USAID in Uttar Pradesh, RCH sub-projects funded by UNFPA in Rajasthan and DANDIA Project in Madhya Pradesh etc. additional funding is provided for infrastructure and social mobilization. Over and above this, a sum of Rs. 250 crores has been earmarked during the Xth Plan to support local and need based initiatives.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In order to motivate Non-Government Organizations, the Guidelines have been revised to involve the NGOs not only for advocacy but, in under served areas also for providing services as required by the communities being served. It is expected that this will enhance access to Family Welfare and Reproductive and Child Health Services to address the unmet needs.

Loss of Eyesight after free Eye Surgery in Tamil Nadu

1129. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 45 persons lost sight after free eye surgery in Tamil Nadu; which appeared in various newspapers on 1st February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted;

(c) the main reasons for the incident;

(d) whether earlier also, in such free eye camps a number of people were affected and became blind; and